

# **A Report on**



## **Fiscal Year 2003 Historic Preservation Fund Grants to Indian Tribes, Alaskan Natives and Native Hawaiian Organizations**

**United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service  
Heritage Preservation Services  
Tribal Preservation Program**



## **INTRODUCTION**

The National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 authorizes grants to Indian tribes for cultural and historic preservation projects. Now in its thirteenth year, this grant program assists American Indians and Alaska Natives in protecting and promoting their unique cultural traditions.

From the beginning, the program has been shaped by Indian tribes. Tribal representatives defined "historic preservation from a tribal perspective" in a National Park Service report to Congress in 1990. *Keepers of the Treasures -- Protecting Historic Properties and Cultural Traditions on Indian Land* describes, in the words of Indian people, what they are concerned with protecting. Native language, oral history, plant and animal species important in tradition, sacred and historic places, and the establishment of tribal historic preservation offices are all part of preservation from a tribal perspective. The grants selected in Fiscal Year 2003 continue to reflect this broad range of funding needs.

Since 1990, approximately \$14.9 million has been awarded to over **400** Indian and Alaska Native communities. In Fiscal Year 2003, a total of \$656,000 is being awarded to 15 communities for a broad range of historic preservation projects. The projects selected for funding are summarized below.

## **GRANT SELECTION PROCESS**

Federally recognized Indian tribes, Alaskan Native groups, and Native Hawaiian organizations were invited to submit grant applications to support historic preservation projects and promote the continuation of living cultural traditions.

The application guidelines listed five major categories of eligible activities for Historic Preservation Fund grants: locating and identifying cultural resources, preserving a historic property listed on the National Register, preservation planning, oral history and documenting cultural traditions, and education and training projects in historic and cultural preservation.

Grant applications and application guidelines were mailed in October 2002 to the chief elected officials of all Federally recognized Indian tribes, Alaskan Native groups, Native Hawaiian organizations, and to others on a mailing list of over 1,400 individuals and organizations. In all, 117 proposals were received requesting approximately \$5.4 million.

Panels of experts who met in Washington, D.C. March 25-26, 2003, evaluated each application. Panel members are listed below.

## **GRANT APPLICATION REVIEW CONSIDERATIONS**

Reviewers were asked to consider the following in evaluating applications:

1. How does this project address a critical cultural or historic preservation issue for the tribe?
2. Are the project objectives, activities, and desired results (products) well designed, thought-through, and achievable?
3. Will qualified people carry out the project?
4. Is the project budget clear and reasonable?
5. Is there demonstrable commitment to this project by the tribe?
6. What is the lasting impact on and benefit to the tribe if the project is successfully completed?

## **FISCAL YEAR 2003 GRANTS SELECTION PANEL PARTICIPANTS**

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<b>Tribe [State]</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Arctic Village Council (AK)	\$ 65,905
Native Village of Barrow (AK)	\$ 48,422
Caddo Tribe (OK)	\$ 39,307
Eastern Band of Cherokee (NC)	\$ 35,343
Hualapai Tribe (AZ)	\$ 47,194
Klamath Tribes (OR)	\$ 35,353
Organized Village of Kake (AK)	\$ 45,000
Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa (MI)	\$ 7,364
Leisnoi Village (Woody Island Tribal Council) (AK)	\$ 50,000
MakahTribe (WA)	\$ 48,700
Penobscot Indian Nation (ME)	\$ 49,954
Picuris Pueblo (NM)	\$ 44,721
Pueblo of San Juan (NM)	\$ 44,667
Sitka Tribe of Alaska (AK)	\$ 44,070
Tulalip Tribes (WA)	\$ 50,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 656,000</b>

## **FY 2003 Project Descriptions Historic Preservation Fund Grants**

### **Alaska**

Tribe:	<b>Arctic Village Council</b>
Project Title:	<b>Arctic Village Mission Church Restoration Project</b>
Grant Award:	<b>\$65,905.00</b>
Description:	Restore and historically preserve the Bishop Rowe Episcopalian Mission Church in Arctic Village, Alaska as Phase II of a community development project to convert the structure into the Gwich'in Cultural Heritage Center.
Tribe:	<b>Native Village of Barrow</b>
Project Title:	<b>Cultural Resource Identification and Documentation Plan</b>
Grant Award:	<b>\$48,422.00</b>
Description:	Conduct a systematic survey of tribal members in Barrow resulting in a comprehensive Traditional Skills Inventory to be posted on the village website and to be used as a basis for a future Cultural Resource Management Plan.
Tribe:	<b>Organized Village of Kake</b>
Project Title:	<b>Comprehensive Preservation Plan for the Kake Cannery</b>
Grant Award:	<b>\$45,000.00</b>
Description:	Prepare a preservation plan for the Kake Cannery Complex, a National Historic Landmark, in order to stabilize, repair and renovate the structures for use in areas of education, history and community development.
Tribe:	<b>Leisnoi Village (Woody Island Tribal Council)</b>
Project Title:	<b>Woody Island Historic District Cultural Resource Survey</b>
Grant Award:	<b>\$50,000.00</b>
Description:	Inventory and map historic sites on Woody Island in order to begin collecting archaeological data regarding historic-era Alutiiq life on the island and to nominate qualifying sites to the National Register of Historic Places.

Tribe: **Sitka Tribe of Alaska**  
Project Title: **A Celebration of Tlingit Weavers: the Doris Borhauer Basket Collection Documentation Project**  
Grant Award: **\$44,070.00**  
Description: Document the lineage of the weavers, the origins of the baskets and the construction methods for each piece of the Doris Borhauer Basket Collection, comprised of 92 Tlingit spruce root baskets.

## **Arizona**

Tribe: **Hualapai Tribe**  
Project Title: **Hualapai Tribe's Class III Cultural Resources Survey, Phase II**  
Grant Award: **\$47,194.00**  
Description: Survey four additional 160 acre study units of the Hualapai Reservation, identify archaeological resources and conduct record searches and obtain project and site information for the tribal database.

## **Maine**

Tribe: **Penobscot Indian Nation**  
Project Title: **Birchbark Canoe Project**  
Grant Award: **\$49,954.00**  
Description: Videotape the process of instructing trainees in construction of a traditional birchbark canoe to revitalize the almost extinct art. This will include identifying, gathering and preparing natural materials; laying out, framing and measuring these materials; making the components using hand tools; and assembling these components into a finished canoe.

## **Michigan**

Tribe: **Lac Vieux Desert Band of the Lake Superior Chippewa**  
Project Title: **Establishment of the Lac Vieux Desert Tribe Historic Preservation Office: Phase I – Planning and Training**  
Grant Award: **\$7,364.00**  
Description: Provide training to selected Tribal members involved in the efforts to locate and preserve items and structures of historic importance to the Lac Vieux Desert Tribe.

## **New Mexico**

Tribe: **Picuris Pueblo**  
Project Title: **The Preservation of Picuris Songs, Stories and Oral History**  
Grant Award: **\$44,721**  
Description: Create three 90 minute documentary videos and three audio cassettes/CDs as well as transcriptions - one each for Picuris songs, stories and oral histories which will include contributions from Elders fluent in the Tiwa language.

Tribe: **Pueblo of San Juan**  
Project Title: **Survey and Recording of Significant Historical Rock Art Sites near the Pueblo of San Juan**  
Grant Award: **\$44,667.00**  
Description: Survey and record petroglyphs on aboriginal land near the San Juan Pueblo that were created by ancestors of the Tewa people. A database will be created to record findings from this survey, and an educational program will be developed for the people of the tribe and area residents emphasizing the importance of this resource.

## **North Carolina**

Tribe: **Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians**  
Project Title: **Oral Histories of the Indian Removal Act by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians**  
Grant Award: **\$35,343.00**  
Description: Create a collection of oral histories and record the activities of Cherokee people who resisted forced removal in 1838-39 in order to convey the Cherokee perspective of the Trail of Tears.

## **Oklahoma**

Tribe: **Caddo Tribe of Oklahoma**  
Project Title: **Caddo Tribe Historic Cemetery Survey and Documentation Project**  
Grant Award: **\$47,194.00**  
Description: Locate and document historic Caddo family cemeteries on original and early Caddo allotments within the former reservation boundaries. A Tribal Register of Historic Cemeteries will be created and shared with the State Historic Preservation Office to aid in protection of these sites.

## **Oregon**

Tribe: **Klamath Indian Tribe of Oregon**  
Project Title: **Klamath Tribes Documentation of Four Traditional Cultural Places**  
Grant Award: **\$35,353.00**  
Description: Survey four culturally significant sites: Wocus Bay on Klamath Marsh, Grandma Butte, Klamath campsites along the upper Williamson River, and the Lost River Narrows at Olene, and make determinations as to the historic significance as candidates for Traditional Cultural Property and National Register of Historic Places status.

## **Washington**

Tribe: **Makah Tribe**  
Project Title: **Makah Oral History Salvation Project**  
Grant Award: **\$48,700.00**  
Description: Transfer reel-to-reel and cassette recordings of Makah oral histories, songs and stories to a computer and create CDs to aid in preservation and access of this cultural resource.

Tribe: **Tulalip Tribes of Washington**  
Project Title: **Tulalip Cultural Resources Information Management and Archive Project**  
Grant Award: **\$50,000.00**  
Description: Organize, index and electronically store cultural, historical and archaeological materials so that various tribal departments will be able to query the database, locate sites on topographic maps, add new data and share information using the framework of StoryBase, an existing software program.